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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MEDIA REACTION - TERRORISM, AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY,
AND IRAQ

Block Quotes

Saturday, May 05, 2007

-- Under the title "Terrorism Factories" liberal Shiite Ahmad
Al-Sarraf editorialized in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas
(05/05):

"The arrest of the 172 terrorists in Saudi Arabia does not mean the
end of the threat posed by Al-Qaeda and other such groups....
Society must take aggressive steps on all levels to ensure that our
youth do not buy into extremism."

-- Critic of U.S. policies and conservative Islamist Shiite Dr.
Abdul Mohsen Jamal wrote in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas under
the title "Stupidity or Bad Luck?" (05/05):

"Olmert had a golden opportunity when Washington gave him the green
light to bomb Lebanon and destroy its infrastructure in order to
eliminate Hezbollah. The result was also the killing of hundreds of
civilians and the injuring of thousands more. Washington had no
objection to such conduct and, in fact, provided Olmert with 'smart
bombs' and anything else he wanted from the American Army's
strategic stockpile."

-- "Abu Kazim [A name signifying an average Iraqi citizen] from
Sharm El Sheikh" was the title of liberal Mohammed Musa'ed Al-Saleh's
column in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (05/05):

"The issue that should have been discussed at the Sharm El Sheikh
conference is the security situation and the withdrawal of the
American occupation, not the reduction of Iraq's debts."

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